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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to report on a major military infiltration from Iraq into the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran by 70 trained, well-armed and equipped mercenaries who had the full blessing and support of the Government of Iraq. The details of this gross violation of the cease-fire between the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq which also constitutes a serious violation of the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Islamic Republic of Iran are as follows:

On 8 February 1993, 70 anti-revolutionary elements under Iraqi protection dispatched from Iraq, crossed the internationally recognized boundaries and infiltrated Beitoush village at the geographic coordinates of 38-89 on the map of Sardasht about 2.5 km south of border pillar 106 in Lak Lak heights. Afterwards, they advanced to Nazarbad village at the geographic coordinates of 3586, north of Talesh mountain and south-east of Vuri mountain, east of border pillars 104 and 103/3. Thereafter, the anti-revolutionary elements extended their incursion into Bizdeh village at the geographic coordinates of 4287 and after totally surrounding the village, launched an attack against two military bases located in the middle and northern part of the village. As a result, 14 Iranians were martyred, 2 wounded and 33 persons held captive and were later released. Moreover, in the course of this organized attack, the two military bases, together with the local station of Iranian Radio and Television were destroyed and set ablaze. The equipment of the radio and television station were removed and taken to Iraq.

My Government reiterates once again, that it holds the Government of Iraq responsible for the crimes and atrocities initiated from Iraq and perpetrated by mercenary and subversive elements against the territory of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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